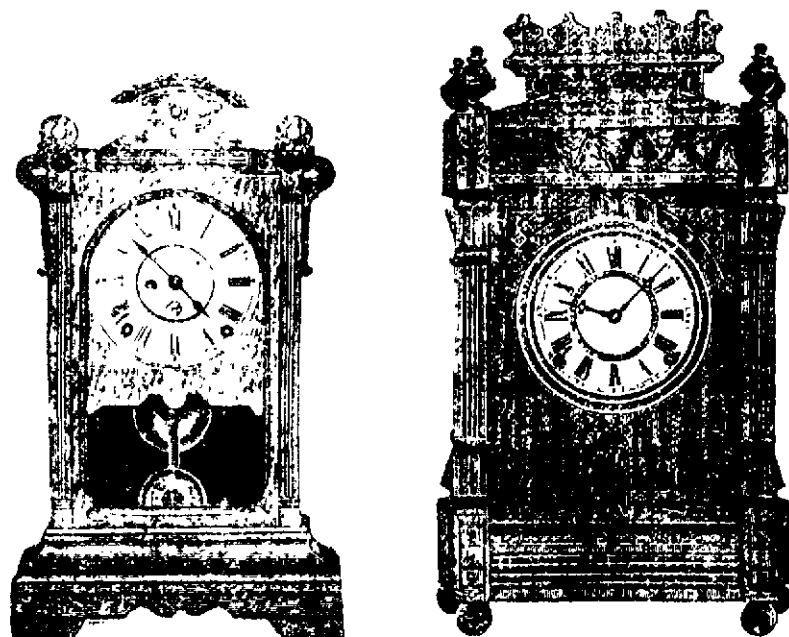


As the House Cleaning Season approaches you will begin to think of a new Clock.

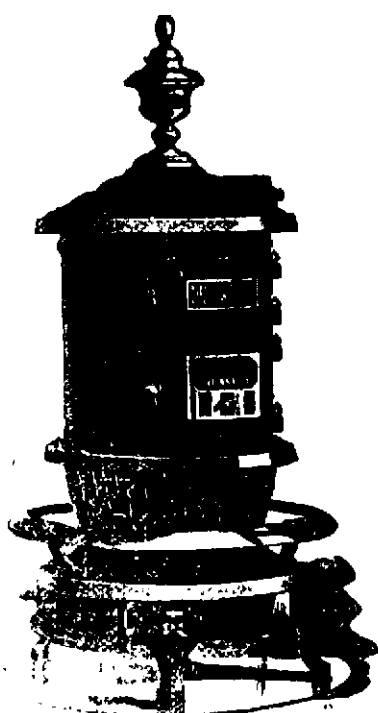
We keep a full line of the Celebrated "SETH THOMAS" Clocks, in Walnut, Ebony, Cherry, as well as Marble and Marbleized Iron.



Please Bear in Mind We Keep ONLY RELIABLE CLOCKS, and you can buy a GOOD Clock of us for as little money as you will pay in many places for unreliable goods.

**OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,**  
Leading Reliable Jewelers.

**THE ORIGINAL "ROUND + OAK"**  
And the New  
"MONITOR + OAK"  
Are the Best Soft Coal Stoves Made.



**BEWARE OF IMITATIONS!**  
The Genuine Round Oak is Sold Only by  
**FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT.**

**NEW STORE! +**  
"NEW GOODS!"  
**BOOTS, SHOES AND RUBBERS.**

The New Shoe Store, 117 North Water street, is now open and solicits a call. We carry a fine and medium line of Ladies' Misses' and Children's Shoes; also Men's, Boys' and Youths' Boots and Shoes, from the best manufacturers in the East. Every article warranted as represented. If you chose to bring back the goods uninjured we will return the money. We have come to stay, and solicit a share of your patronage.

**I. B. MASSEY,**  
117 North Water St., Decatur, Ill.  
Sign of the Big Shoe.

**DAILY NEWS**

**TO THE GARDENERS**  
-AND-  
All Others Interested.

We invite you to call and get a Catalogue and inspect our Complete Line of

**SEEDS**  
**DINGES & COOP.**

FRIDAY EVE., MARCH 18, 1887.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

**MAJOLICA WARE**—Special bargains in this line of ware at  
**E. D. BATHOLMEY & CO.**

**Business** is picking up about town.

**Tax Wabash** paid off Decatur employees last evening.

**Geo. P. Blum** is putting up a big barn at the rear of his residence lot.

**Myrtle McGowan** has a dangerous attack of brain fever.

**Tax Boston Star Co.** were guests at the New Denning yesterday.

**Tax members** of the fire department are smoking cigars to-day, by courtesy of Lehman & Bolen.

**Tax funeral** of the late Aquilla Huff took place at Cerro Gordo this forenoon, Rev. Adams officiating.

**Brat Edin** is the only pupil who will graduate from the public school at Cerro Gordo this year. He must feel lonesome.

**Select choice** Vienna bread, rolls, cakes, pies and groceries generally at J. Lytle & Co.'s handy store in Opera block.

**To-morrow** the talent of the High School will appear before the footlights at the opera house.

**Chris J. Carle** has been appointed postmaster at Clinton in place of Rich and Butler.

**Don't forget** that all first-class grocers in Decatur sell Shellbarger's White Lard flour.

**Tax Ira Bankson** place near Bethany has been sold to Mike Fitzgerald, and Mr. B. and family have gone to Davenport, Neb.

**The March number** of *The Western Breeder's Gazette* is out.

**John Wade** a pauper from Oakley township, died at the poor farm Thursday afternoon. His age was 80 years.

**Charles Murphy**, the revivalist who assisted Rev. DuBois at James' Chapel the past winter, secured 26 converts at Hartsburg in Logan county recently.

**Tax the St. Charles Hotel**, S. T. Curtis is the general proprietor who knows how to please his patrons.

**Tax epidemic** of measles at Lincoln has reached such proportions that little attempt is now made to placard the houses. It is thought that cases exist in over a hundred families in the city.

**Knox Hays**, the recognized standard of excellence everywhere, for sale at Park Hat Store. S. T. Kessler, manager. d2

**Any day** in the week you can get fruits, vegetables and fresh butter at Hanks & Patterson's family grocery store, 143 South Water street.

**Send your orders** for choice family groceries to Niedermeyer on the Mound.

**Sumner & Son** at 738 North Water street will take pleasure in supplying you with reliable family groceries.

**A Lincoln University** student had been receiving letters from an alleged lady at Newman, and last week he went to that place to visit his fair correspondent, but to his chagrin he found that the affair was a hoax and his chum was of the masculine gender.

**"What you coughing for, my friend?"** "Of course! my cold is no better."

**"Well, don't stand on the order of going, but go to the druggist and get a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, quick!"** He went, and he was straightway made happy.

**For burns, scalds, and other wounds** Salvation Oil has proved itself to be the best remedy ever used. All druggists sell it at 25 cents a bottle.

**Tax the celebrated** White Foam family flour, sold by all leading grocers in the city.

**Stror at S. P. Cowan's** family grocery store in Haworth block. He has a complete stock of desirable goods. Orders filled and delivered promptly.

**Knox Hays**, Spring style, now on sale at Park Hat Store. S. T. Kessler, manager. 13-42

**Grize Knobe & Osborne** a call. They are the new grocers at 121 N. Water street, and make a specialty of fruits and vegetables.

**Stress to fit** and please anyone. Call at Cheap Charley's. d4w

**Having made** my arrangements to take up my residence elsewhere, I offer for sale my residence, No. 659 West William street, together with the household furniture. For particulars apply to Pritchett & Montgomery, or the undersigned, H. E. Blum, of Morehouse, Wells & Co. m17-d4w

**Avery's Hair Vigor** stimulates the hair to a vigorous growth. It contains all that can be supplied to make the hair beautiful, and renders the hair flexible and glossy.

**Only One Tailor** in Town.

**I have now** received my spring stock, and at a great discount, I offer for sale my new clothes made by Veale, as you will always get a good fit with grace and elegance. It always makes your friends feel good as well as yourself. **JAMES VALE.**

**French Catter** from Cork, Prairie St. m17-d4w

**Ladies' Hosiery** and Children's Hosiery! Hosiery!

**Before opening** our store's purchases we offer, at about one-half original value, 200 boxes of cotton hosiery, men's, ladies' and children's. These goods embrace the cream of last season's stock and are every way first class. **Big 18**

**First line** of Overcoats at Cheap Charley's, very low. d4w

**BAD FIRE IN A CELLAR.**

**Merchandise Street Block** Has a Narrow Escape—Loss \$800.

There was a damaging fire this morning shortly after six o'clock in the cellar of Lehman & Bolen's grocery store at 150 Merchandise street, doing damage aggregating \$800 to \$1000, covered by insurance.

for \$1000 in the Clinton, of New York, and \$2000 in the Washington, of Boston, Odor & Stearns and F. A. Leforge, agents.

Bob Bolen and Oliver White went to the store at an early hour to open the doors and get ready for business.

They visited the cellar several times and had to use lamps. Bob left a coal oil lamp burning near the east end of the cellar and went up stairs. He had been out of the cellar about five minutes, when the two salesmen discovered a strong smell of smoke. They hurried down stairs and discovered the east end of the cellar in flames. The alarm brought out the fire department whose quick work luckily prevented a costly conflagration. The Chemical apparatus did very effective work and the hose team aided largely in driving out the fire by floods of water that had to be thrown on the burning boxes, brooms and other goods that filled the cellar. It is supposed the fire was started by the explosion of the coal oil lamp. Near it was a large tank containing 50 gallons of coal oil. The heat melted the paint off the tank and loosened the top. The fireman had located the tank of oil and gave it a steady bath, while all worked constantly to put out the fire in other parts of the cellar. The top was burnt off a barrel filled with syrup. Boxes of canned fruits, brooms, bacon and grocery supplies generally were either wholly destroyed or so badly damaged that they cannot be used. Water ruined flour and goods stored in bins on the first floor. The joints of the building are badly charred.

The building is the property of Samuel Anderson. It is not insured.

Lehman & Bolen will have their store open every day as usual, but they cannot touch or move any of the damaged goods until the insurance adjusters arrive to appraise the loss.

The selection of officers of Greenwood cemetery is in progress at the county clerk's office this afternoon. Only two owners in the cemetery are allowed to vote.

**Yesterday** the T. H. & P. road received two new engines for use on the line. Their numbers are 10 and 11. They cost \$15,000.

**Judge Coolidge**, receiver of the Wabash, has pulled off ten engineers and firemen on the Tilton and Andrews district and ordered the locomotives housed. Half a dozen freight crews have also been laid off indefinitely, and a retraction has been made in all other departments save that of track maintenance.

We are in receipt of a little volume giving an account of the '80 Freshmen crew of Harvard College, of which Charles E. Scholl is a member. He is No. 4 in the crew of ten. Speaking of individual members, the account says of Charles: "No. 4 keeps his arms bent even on the full reach. He does not get his shoulders on at all at the beginning of the stroke, letting his slide get ahead of his shoulders. He swings out." We presume this is all right, but we'll bet on Charles as a stayer if he gets in the University crew that will contest with Yale in July. Last summer Charles's crew defeated the Freshman crew from Yale College.

The new city prison in the Howell building will be ready for use this evening. Two hard oak rooms have been constructed inside the building and barred doors constructed. It is but a temporary affair. Who will be the first to "fall in?"

**Of Interest to Parents.**

A class of beginners will be started in the primary schools on the first day of next term, March 28th. It is very important that the children start on the first day and continue in regular attendance. No new pupils can be received into this class of beginners after April 11th. It has been the custom to admit pupils to this class whose birthday occurs within one month of the beginning of the term. This practice will be continued, and pupils whose birthday come before April 20th, will be admitted on the first day of the term.

All pupils will be required to present a physician's certificate of vaccination. The blanks for these certificates can be obtained free of charge at the superintendent's office. It is respectfully suggested that this is an excellent time to get the children vaccinated who will enter the schools in September next.

**E. A. GASTMAN.**

A well-known democrat of this county called at this office yesterday and paid up his arrears and a year in advance for the **REPUBLICAN**. Though in uncompromising democrat, he has always taken the weekly and says he cannot do without it.

In her testimony yesterday Mrs. Sarah Wertz stated that a man engaged in business in a small town east of Decatur had advised her to destroy the child. The jury secured his name but they ignored him in the verdict. Possibly the grand jury in June will give him a whirl.

**Tax dentists**, Cole & Elsinger, will open a branch office at Cerro Gordo. One or both dentists will spend three to four days of each week in the town. They have an office at Blue Mound and at other points.

**Mr. Gustin** has gone to Bloomington to engage in the musical instrument business.

**Masonic.**

**Special Assembly** of Decatur Council No. 16, R. and S. masters, this (Friday) evening, for work.

**J. N. BAKER, T. L. M.**

**J. C. HOSSTETLER, Recorder.**

As excess of animal food and a partial closing of the pores of the skin, during the winter months, cause the eyes to become filled with impurities. These can be removed and the blood purified and invigorated by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Price \$1.

The Spring style of the celebrated Dunlap Hat will be on sale Saturday at 3-42w

**LATENT** novelties in Swiss, Cambric and Nainsook Embroideries and Laces, just received, at Linn & Scruggs. d4w

**Spring styles** of Dunlap Hats will be placed on sale Saturday next at 3-42w

**L. W. EHRMAN'S.**

**Home Show To-night.**

A fine literary programme will be given at the High School entertainment at the opera house to-night. Recitations will be given by J. A. Winslow, Grace Baldwin, Edwin Ewing and Gailie Scruggs; orations by John B. Robinson and Wm. B. Knoble. Instrumental numbers by Ada Lower and Leo Heilbrun; vocal selections by Virgie Smith, Belle Steele, Ida Eymann, Clara Eymann, Ada Haines and Lizzie Knier. The farce, "The Mouse Trap," will be given by Luetta Ulrich, Frank Evans, Eva Hammer, Rose Fields, Lena Ulrich, Belle Steele and Mand Durfee. In "The Colloquy of Nations," Mollie Magee, Jessie Steele, Lizzie Park, Bertha Clark, May McKenzie, Josie Gasaway, Jessie McKenzie and Ida Eymann will take part. The entertainment will conclude with the decision of the judges on orations and recitations—Dr. Burnstead, A. H. Mills and John T. Bowles.

**Cleared \$35.**

The Frank Batteiger benefit ball at Turner Hall brought out a large party who had a gay time. The use of the hall was donated and the orchestra played without pay. The managers cleared \$35 on the ball, which sum will be forwarded at once to Frank who is seriously ill at Hot Springs, Ark. His condition has been critical for some months.

**Sent to Jail.**

Anel Harris before Justice Curtis yesterday afternoon on a charge of having robbed a Sullivan sucker, Isaac M. Brown, who says he lost about \$6 in cash. Moultrie county cash. Tom Lee appeared for the People and Harvey Pasco for the young defendant. The prisoner tried hard to secure a continuance, but as he failed to make an affidavit indicating what he intended to prove by the alleged absent witness, the Justice decided that the trial should proceed, whereupon Pasco took a change of venue to Justice Lowry's court. There another attempt was made to secure a continuance, but it failed. Harris dodged the trial by waiving examination. His bail was fixed at \$500 to bide the action of the June grand jury, and in default of that sum he went to jail.

**Brought \$5,000.**

The auction sale of stock and other personal property belonging to Mrs. L. A. Toland, at Latham, Thursday, was attended by about 400 people, all of whom were given a free dinner at the farm. The auctioneer was Pap Russell, of Lincoln. The property brought what all consider good prices, the aggregate footing up \$5,500. Mrs. T. has leased her farm to tenants and will go to California to remain during the summer.

The funeral of the late David W. Lister took place from the Christian church this forenoon in the presence of a large number of friends, including members of Masonic Lodges Nos. 8 and 312 who attended in a body. The sermon was delivered by Elder Pinkerton and the remains were laid at rest in Greenwood with Masonic ceremonies.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Mrs. Will Hall is seriously ill.

John Hatfield is at Mattoon to-day.

Mrs. Hones Cloyd arrived home this morning from Orlando, Florida.

Father Burke came up from Staunton at noon.

Squire Pierce, formerly of Mt. Zion, is at the Hotel Brunswick.

Dr. Sibley paid Belmont a professional visit this afternoon.

R. S. Bohon may go to New Orleans in a day or two to visit his family.

F. H. Hall is home from ducky Mercedesley.

Kate Bnahmish is at Champaign, the guest of Rev. W. D. Best and family.

L. W. Green has returned from Latham to work at the carpenter trade.

W. A. Vanleer and family will leave for their home in the country to-morrow.

D. W. Brenneman arrived home from Philadelphia this morning, and is again at "the store."

Mrs. Lydia A. Toland will go to California the coming summer. She has leased her farm near Latham.

Miss Annie Laux, of Niantic, is in the city. She will soon go to Kansas to visit her parents.

Emmett Kent, of Kanney, was in the city yesterday. At noon his daughter left for the east.

Rev. Dr. Vosburgh is expected to arrive home from New Orleans to-night. He will occupy his pulpit on Sunday as usual.

Hon. A. B. Webster, mayor of Dodge City, Kansas, arrived in this city this morning from Chicago, on a brief visit to his niece, Mrs. Henry F. May.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Quinlan departed last evening for Pass Christian, Mississippi, where they will remain for a month or longer. Mr. Q. has been in poor health all winter.

George W. Van Riper, of St. Paul, arrived in this city this noon. He was at Sedalia, Mo., on Sunday, when he had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of his grand-son, who will call John "papa" when he can lip the word.

There is some excitement over the mysterious disappearance of Miss Delia Flaherty at Danville. She went to the high school Monday and failing to pass the examination of the graduation class, wrote a letter to her family, saying they would never see her again. She is 18 years old and very handsome. All attempts to discover the whereabouts of the girl have thus far failed. In her letter she said she had a place to work and that when she got money enough she would return to school, pay her own way and graduate. She could not master mathematics.

**FATHER MACKIN** last night delivered a scholarly lecture on the life and work of St. Patrick at the Catholic church in the presence of a large number of people. High mass was celebrated at 8 a. m.

The Decatur High School will give an entertainment at the opera house next Friday evening, March 18th. Come and see what the young people can do. Admission 25, 35 and 50 cents. Reserved seats may be obtained at Prescott's music store after 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. Proceeds to go to the library fund of the Decatur schools. 14-45

**W. A. COMBS**, proprietor of the restaurant on South Water street, opposite the court house, is prepared to furnish good, clean meals for 25 cents. Farmers and others are requested to call and give the place a trial. d4w

**MARRIED.**

At his office by J. J. H. Young, Jr., on March 17, Mr. Harry L. Harris, of Mt. Zion, and Miss Mary J. Knowles, of Decatur.

**See Bachman's Baby**

Carriages at 240, 244 and 248 East Main street. They are pinks of perfection. Buy one. m17-d4w

**Kindred Is in Town.**

The somewhat noted Tunis Titus Kendrick, who is occasionally named by some citizens as "our beloved pastor," arrived in the city last evening from the south and is stopping at 356 South Webster St. He has not been in Decatur to remain any length of time since he closed "The People's Church," at the opera house. He has traveled extensively since then. He states that during the past six months he has preached two sermons each week, and during 1886 delivered 350 sermons. He is now connected with the Methodist Church South, and remained four weeks at Richmond, Va., preaching before the church conference. We learn that it is the desire of Mr. Kendrick to remain in Decatur and deliver lectures at the tabernacle, if he can secure that hall. He looks as natural as ever, but Father Time has robbed him of most of his raven locks. He is quite bald on the reverence bump.

**The Verdict.**

The coroner's jury in the infant case did not return a verdict accusing Mrs. Wertz of the murder of her babe. The post mortem examination by three physicians brought in the testimony that the babe was probably born dead. Following is the language of the verdict: "In the matter of the inquisition on the dead body of an infant child of Mrs. Sarah Wertz, we, the jurors, do find that such infant was born dead, and we recommend to the coroner of Marion county that the mother, Sarah Wertz, be held to answer to the next grand jury for the concealment and attempted destruction of said child." The jurymen were W. W. Foster, W. W. Mason, Z. W. Harris, J. D. Seibeling, Henry Huesing and Dr. J. C. Capps. The mother will be held to answer for the crime stated in the verdict. The punishment on conviction is not more than a year in the county jail.

**The Concert.**

The Lecture Course entertainment given last night by Emerson, cornet soloist, Miss Low, pianist, Miss Brown, elocutionist, Mr. Thomas, comedian, and Mrs. Henson Emerson, vocalist, all members of the Boston Star Concert company, brought out the usual large audience. The company is one of merit and pleased all in attendance by their selections many of which were familiar. Miss Low is a talented instrumental soloist, but it was apparent to all that she was not as familiar with the piano as she should be. The piano in use was one of the best instruments made, perfect in tone and arrangement, one she herself had commended and selected during the afternoon. In the rendition of her numbers she had failed to pull out the music rack and consequently the wrinkled music paper kept falling down on the keys, interfering somewhat with the smoothness of the performance. The lady should familiarize herself with instruments and learn that all pianos have music racks in full view.

**A Pointer.**

The business men's club of Springfield have taken a new shod in their methods of creating or attempting to create a boom for that city. Instead of waiting to respond to the solicitations of manufacturers desiring to locate there, the business men are making up a list of standing offers, which they will publish for a year. The general committee have already received several offers to donate sites and special privileges to manufacturing enterprises. One of these offers is acres of ground adjoining a railroad, and the cost for fuel for five years free. Another party offers to donate five acres of ground eligible situated for manufacturing purposes; still another offers ten acres also eligible situated, and there are other offers of a like character. In view of these offers the committee has had printed a circular briefly outlining the advantages of Springfield as a manufacturing point and residence city, and has sent by mail thousands of copies to manufacturers and manufacturing centers in eastern states. This circular is to be followed by a more elaborate pamphlet, handsomely illustrated, of which it is the intention of the association to circulate 10,000 copies. *Bloomington Pantagraph.*

**The Stage.**

The popular actor, Louis Aldrich, who is no stranger in Decatur, will appear Saturday night in the play, "My Partner." The supporting company is excellent. Prices will be 25, 50 and 75 cents. Said the Brooklyn Eagle.

"My Partner" was played by Louis Aldrich, the original Joe Saunders, and well-chosen assistants last night. Mr. Aldrich's rough and honest method suits his part exactly and heightens the unexpected tenderness and pathos developed in the later scenes. There is better material in the play than in any other of Bartley Campbell's, and the principal incidents are dramatic in an exceptional degree.

**Wm. C. PAYNE**, who has been connected with the Decatur fire department as engineer of the Chemical engine, tendered his resignation on Wednesday, and is now off duty. Billy was one of the most efficient men on the pay roll, always on the alert and quick to do effective work in fighting fire. In his retirement the department loses one of its best men. He contemplates going back east, but he may take a notion to play ball during the coming season.

**REPRESENTATIVES** Gimson and Kretzinger voted in favor of the submission of the prohibition amendment to a vote of the people, and Pierce voted against the proposition. It was not adopted by the House.

The wardrobe, scenery and properties of Lawrence Barrett were attacked Wednesday night at Milwaukee by a deputy sheriff on a claim of Edward H. James, of Springfield, Mass., for \$5,000. Mr. Barrett anticipated this movement, which he says, was a continuation of a system of petty annoyances originating with the American exchange in London, to which he is indebted.

**The Chicago Grain Market.**

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Commission Merchant:

WHEAT—75¢ April; 81¢ May; 80¢ June; 80¢ Sept.

COY—84¢ April; 89¢ May; 40¢ June; 39¢ Sept.

OATS—23¢ April; 28¢ May; 29¢ June; 28¢ Sept.

PORK—\$20.40 April; \$20.50 May; \$20.50 June.

LARD—\$7.25 April; \$7.32 May; \$7.37 June.

RIBS—\$7.72 April; \$7.77 May; \$7.80 June.

YIVE STOCK—Estimated receipts—Hogs 13,000; prospects shade higher.

CATTLE, 7,000; market steady.

CAR LOTS—Wheat: Winter 15; Spring 43; Corn, 311; Oats, 110.

**Pensions.**

J. J. H. Young, sr., will be found at his office with Dr. Sibley on March 27, ready to serve applicants for pensions and for increase. d4d

**EXTRAORDINARY**  
and Attractive Display of  
**NEW GOODS,**  
for Spring and Summer, just received by  
**LINN & SCRUGGS.**  
— HIGH NOVELTIES IN —  
**French Dress Goods,**  
consisting of Embroidered Robes, Combination Suits, and Plain and Fancy Fabrics of our own Importation. 25 per cent Below regular prices.

A Large Assortment of Black and Colored  
**TRIMMING VELVETS**  
In every Shade, greatly below former prices.

An Extensive Assortment of  
**BLACK AND COLORED SILKS,**  
in all New Shades, direct from the Importers and Manufacturers.

**FRENCH SATTEENS**  
Handsome as Foulard Silks, of best make, remarkable for cheapness.

English Serges and Cashmeres of  
**GREAT VALUE,**  
and American Dress Goods retailed at wholesale prices.

**NEW SPRING SHAWLS AND WRAPS.**

**UNDER WEAR,**  
Hosiery, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Dress Trimmings, Ribbons, Corsets, and

**PARASOLS**  
AT REDUCED PRICES.

Table Linens, Napkins, Turkey Damasks, Calicoes, Bleached and Brown Muslins, Cottonades, Shirtings and everything in Domestic Dry Goods, from 10 to 25 per cent Below general retail prices.

The Newest Styles in  
**Carpets, Rugs.**

**Wall Paper,**



